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Int'l Patent Application of

JOHNSEN et al

Atty. Ref.: 3842-5

Serial No. 09/714,956

Group: 2127

Filed: November 20, 2000

Examiner: Nguyen, A.

For: DISTRIBUTED ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING

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Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

**REQUEST TO RESCIND NOTICE OF
ABANDONMENT AND CONTINGENT PETITION**

It is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment mailed July 26, 2004 in the captioned application be rescinded for the following reasons.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

An Office Action was mailed for the captioned application on December 1, 2003.

On March 1, 2004, the undersigned filed an Amendment and Amendment Transmittal via facsimile to 703-872-9306 (the USPTO central facsimile number). A copy of the March 1, 2004 Amendment, transmittal and facsimile confirmation receipt are attached as Exhibit 1.

On June 25, 2004, Examiner Nguyen telephoned the undersigned and indicated no response to the December 1, 2003 Office Action had been received. At the Examiner's request, on the very same day the undersigned forwarded via facsimile a copy of the Amendment and Amendment transmittal. See Exhibit 2. It is the undersigned's understanding that the Examiner confirmed with the undersigned's secretary that the June 25, 2004 transmission of the documents of Exhibit 2 were received by the US Patent Office.

On July 19, 2004, Examiner Nguyen telephoned the undersigned's secretary, indicating that the Examiner did not have a copy of the facsimile confirmation receipt. At the Examiner's request, the undersigned's secretary again forwarded via facsimile a copy of the facsimile confirmation receipt. See Exhibit 3.

Despite the timely filing of the amendment and twice providing the US Patent Office with proof of filing, the Examiner nevertheless sent the Notice of Abandonment, which occasioned further and effort for the Applicant.

Since the undersigned did timely file an Amendment and Amendment Transmittal with the proper facsimile certificate, it is requested that the US Patent Office kindly withdraw the notice of abandonment.

Alternatively, Applicant respectfully petitions that the captioned application be revived in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.137(b).

RELIEF REQUESTED

It is respectfully requested that captioned application be revived and reinstated as a pending application in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.137(b).

SUBMISSION OF PETITION FEE

The petition fee of 37 CFR §1.17(m) is submitted herewith. Should the fee be missing or the amount thereof insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account No. 14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for consideration of this Petition and the missing parts.

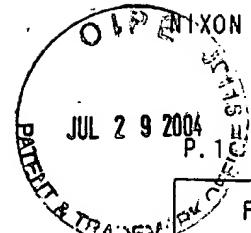
The requirements of 37 CFR §1.137(b) having been fully satisfied, granting of this Petition is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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July 29, 2004

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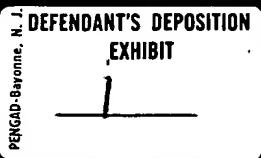


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FACSIMILE CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that this Amendment, Amendment Transmittal and Corres. Address Ind. Form is being transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office on March 1, 2004, specifically to 703-872-9306.

Signature

H. Warren Burnam, Jr.

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment	18	minus highest number			
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0	x	\$ 18.00
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Independent claims after amendment	2	minus highest number			
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Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months)

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00

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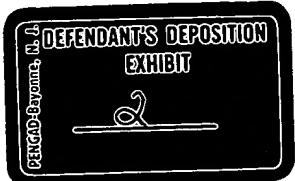
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